IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)
FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR
PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI
WRIT PETITION NO : 17229 of 2004

Between:
Siddartha Cultural Society, Regd. No.320/2004, D.No.1/82 Kandrikagudem, Tangellamudi Panchayat, Eluru Mandal, West Godavari District, Represented by its Secretary, Banthupalli Gangadhara Rao, S/o. Punnaiah Hindu,
R/o.20-B8-101, Business 15th Ward, Gandhinagar, Eluru, W.G.District.
..... PETITIONER

AND

1 Director General of Police (D.I.G) Eluru Range, Eluru.
2 The Superintendent of Police, Eluru, W.G.Dist.
3 The Additional Superintendent of police, Eluru, W.G.District.
4 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Eluru W.G.District.
5 Circle Inspector of Police (Rural), Eluru, W.G.District.
6 The Sub-Inspector of Police, I Town Police, Station, Eluru W.G.District.
.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue writ of Mandamus, or any other appropriate writ declaring the action of the respondents in obstruction/interfering with the petitioner's society from conducting the Card room (Rummy room) where the members and guests of the petitioner's society are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (13 Cards game) as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently direct the respondents not to interfere from conducting card room (rummy room) where the Members and guests of the petitioner's society are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (13 card game).

Counsel for the Petitioner:SMT.C.VANI REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent No.: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following :

O R D E R:

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus forbearing from interfering with the activities of the petitioner's Society in particular with the Card Room of the petitioner's Society where the members and guests of the petitioner's Society are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game).

2. It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the issue raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of **TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB) V. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE** [1] and the writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the said decision.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to obstruct the petitioner's Society from conducting card room for playing the game of rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) by its members and guests. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to enter the premises and check if they have information that any game other than rummy is being played in the premises and to take necessary action in accordance with law. No costs.

24-09-2004

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To

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7. 2 CCs to GP for Home, High Court of AP Hyderabad.(OUT)
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[1] 2002(5) ALT 805